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Dr. Joshua Lederberg Department of Genetics University of Wisconsin Madison 6, Wisconsin

Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Dr. A. J. Riker has informed me that attempts have been made in your laboratory to accomplish transformation of crown-gall bacteria according to the methods described by Klein and Klein.

My purpose in writing you is twofold: (1) to learn, if possible, the results that were obtained in these studies, and (2) to get your evaluation of the work that has been reported on transformation in Agrobacterium tumefaciens and in related bacterial species. Your answer to me will not be published in any form. Needless to say, I regret very much having to impose upon you in this way but it is quite important that I learn your reaction in this matter.

Thanking you kindly, I am

Sincerely yours,

James Braun

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